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COMEDY OF A SICK FRIEND

He came in very defiantly, with a set look on his face, like a man who contemplates an unpleasant crisis in his career and yet is trying to persuade himself that he doesn't care a column of the newspaper. hang anyhow. And to his surprise his little wife ran right up and kissed him.

"Your slippers are by the side of the Morris chair, John," she cried; "dinner will be ready in a minute!"

And then fear frizzled him and discomfiture dished him and moodily regarded his slippered toes and once more rehearsed the ingenious excuse about a sick friend which he had framed up to deceive his loving wife and to explain the scandalously late hour and condition in which he had returned home the night before.

"Now!" she cried (bringing in the steak and onions). "Now, John!" And up John got and took his rightful place at the head of the table and solemnly cut the steak and spooned the fried onions.

"John," she began, "last night-" His fourth thought: "Here it omes!" And then aloud: "It was a sick friend!" he mumbled (with his mouth full of fried onions).

"John," she continued (as though she had not heard him), "Mrs. Robbins called last night."

"Oh?" he asked, with a sigh of relief, and he clutched with avidity at this frail conversational straw, Robbins, eh? Ah! Mrs. Thomas Robbins! I remember Tommy when he was a boy. I've sat up with him in nearly all his sicknesses," he remarked with emotion (and not without inspiration). "And he's sat up

John!" she cried. "I couldn't help but notice them, you know!" "But she must have shown you the petticoat!" grumbled John.

'No," she replied. 'I heard it rusand when she sat down I

And suddenly she became listless. "I see," said John, "that the Rus-

"Oh!" she remarked-very list-

lessly.

Whereupon John applied himself to his food stolidly, silently, biting his bread with deliberate precision, formally pointing each little finger into the air as he handled his knife and fork, blinking his eyes as he drank his water and trying to make himself believe that his dear little wife was not looking at him accus-

Did she look well in it?" he ind (quite husky.)

Who, John dear?" she asked, and crhaps she sighed—the least faint echo of a sigh. "Mrs. Robbins," he replied (with

additional huskiness.) "Oh, fine!" she exclaimed (speaking now with animation.) had on her gold watch and chain,

too! Not half such a nice one as mine, though! "And you shall have a new silk

!ress too!" cried John-the guiltstricken John-the proud John. 'And you won't stay out late to-

aight, will you, John?" she coaxed "I was so worried last night!" "A sick friend," began John, mum-

"Mrs. Stafford was in to-day," she t terrupted him. His fifth thought:

"I'll bet that woman made Staftord tell her everything! That's the last time I'll ever go out with a hen-

secked man! And then aloud: "Did she tell you?" hesitated

She smilingly nodded and placed the lobster salad on the table.

'And did she tell you about the policeman too?" insisted John, now determined upon making a clean breast of it. "Yes? And about the cabman? And how he upset his hansom because he smashed Reddy's new plug hat? Yes? And after all this you go ahead and get a nice dinner ready for me-fried onions and lobster salad—and never nag me, and-and"-And once again John banged his fist upon the table.
"While you're about it," he cried,
"you just buy yourself a hat and a
silk pettices, too!"

WHAT THE PAPER READ

To the end of his day Ellithorpe will never forget his sensations when he read the simple, coldplooded apponneement in the society

The actice was to the effect that the engagement of Miss Rose Burlingame to Dovie Jenkins was an-That was all, but it was the end of the world for Ellithorpe.

As he glared at the crumpled newspaper he admitted that he had dallied. For two years he had lived in the light of her presence and hadn't opened his mouth to tell her how he fe't about it. He had always meant to do so, but he was shy, Never in his maddest dreams had he pictured any other girl wearing orange blossoms and a tulle veil for And now-

If it had been any other man than Jenkins! But he was honest enough to admit that he would have been just as enraged and upset no matter who had been his lucky rival.

Ellithorne t-usbed his dinner away without a look at the tempting chop and left the club. He wanted to walk and think it over. There was plenty to think about-what a fool he had been, for instance. He might have known others admired her as well as himself What a conceited chump he bad been to fancy it didnt matter when he spoke! There were always plenty of callers hovering about Rose, but he had been so Buddhist praying wheel, the skull of wrapped up in his own liking for her he had not thought about anything | ed with hair from the scalps of eneelse. Now he was well paid for it.

Where on earth would be spend jo ful evenings now? For he never could sit in the same room with the with me! And so Mrs. Robbins line him he was grimly certain. And nine-tails are among the most curious successful Jenkinz without strang-

'ame over nim and he it was quite right he should call and offer his congratulations, he told himself miserably. All the way out there he was rehearsing different ways of doing this without giving her a hint of the anguish in his soul, for he had resolved never to let her know.

When he reached her street he had not decided whether to begin the conversation in a calm and everyday manner, gradually leading up in an incidental way to the news of her engagement as though he merely remembered to speak of it along with other pleasant news, or whether, in a sprightly and jesting manner, to plunge into the subject at once. He rather inclined toward the former as more likely to give Rose's vanity a letting down and to show her if she had any lingering Russia, saw some amusing shop signs suspicions as to his caring deeply for her that she was wholly mista-

The maid had ushered him into the Burlingame library and at sight of the familiar room his heart dropped several more notches. Decidedly he would choose the first way; maybe he would even apparently forget to mention her engagement till he was ready to go home, just as though it had nearly slipped his memory.

"Good evening, Dick," she said just behind him.

Ellithorpe sprang to his feet. She was looking perfectly natural, hap-py and placid, not at all important as he had fancied she would, and she walked over to a settee as though nothing had happened.

Ellithorpe's eyes blurred and he ealized to his horror that he couldn't follow out his programme "I can't believe it, Rose," he heard imself saying, huskily.

"Believe what? she asked in surorise, which grew as she noted his tragic attitude.

"This," said Ellithorpe dramatically, fishing out the newspaper folded at the fatal notice and handng it to her. As the girl scanned it her face turned crimcon. There was

a sparkle of wrath in her eyes.
"How perfectly horrible!" she cried, vehemently. "It's a mistake. can't imagine who put it in. And Doyle Jenkins of all people! As though i-why, I never heard of such a thing!

"You aren't engaged to him?" Ellithorpe shouted. "I should say not!" said Rose de-

cidedly. It was then Ellithorpe found his wits and his voice. Chicago News.

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BAT IN HER HAIR.

A Housemaid in San Rafael had a Try ing Experience.

San Rafael is suffering from an invasion of bats, and despite the strennons efforts of the citizens the winged pests have gained a strong foothold in various parts of the town. Because of their activity Miss Lillian Steadman, a pretty young housemaid employed at the Hotel Rafael, is mourning the loss of her golden tresses and incidentally suffering from a shock to

her nervous system. Miss Steadman climbed to the attic in the hotel on Saturday evening determined to drive out some of the bats. She was surrounded soon by a drove of the winged rodents and proceeded gamely to give battle to them.

One of the bats lodged in the young lady's hair and refused to budge. Miss Steadman, thoroughly frightened, ran screaming from the attic and the bat still clang to her, keeping busy with his sawlike wings till he had succeeded in cutting her beautiful tresses so badly that it was necessary to shear them off, much to the sorrow of the girl and her admirers.

Grewsome Private Museum.

The miscellaneous objects which have been collected by Harry de-Windt, the traveler, who has started en a reindeer trip in the Laplands, orm a grewsome private museum. A a Dyak warrior, Dyak shields adornmies, daggers and spears in abundance, a Russian convict's dress, a set of chains which once hung from the legs and arms of a Siberian pris-

jective has become the property of !

women and children alone. "Hand-

some" and the weak "good-looking"

are the only two adjectives of the

kind common to either sex. Even

"belle" has no real masculine correla-

tive in Englisa, since "beau" came to

al looks. It is singular that "hand-

some" should have become the word

for a strikingly good looking person.

since its literal meaning is handy, dex-

terous. But "pretty" likewise comes

from the Anglo-Saxon word meaning

Saw Amusing Signs.

Australian officer attached to the

Japanese army during the war with

in Tokio-"Head-cutter" over a bar-

ber's; "Extract of Fowls" over an egg

seller's, and "Ladies Furnished on

the Upstairs" in front of a draper's

He had a memorable 24-hours' rallway

journey in a compartment crammed

with 40 men, women and children. He

made a resolution not to fall asleep,

but he woke up in the morning to

find that "a patient little Japanese

lady had been supporting his head

Cry for a Needed Reform.

In every case where the crusade

is for the burial of wires which have

proved a menace to public safety,

the attack upon the danger should

continue no matter what the obsta-

cles, for every attempt made to stay

the progress of the movement will

but serve to increase the determina-

tion to bring about the reform and

compel obedience to the commands

of citizens whose right it is to speak.

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characters as they are of their com-

plexions there would be fewer grass

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As an all-round laxative tonic and

widows in the world.

fellow comes along and makes her

Piedmont, Italy, produces about

on her shoulder

Major General Hoad, who was the

DEALERS LIKE OLD FRAMES.

Nothing more readily sells a worthless and spurious "old master" hideous with all the blatant tricks of the fabricator, than an old frame. This is the balt which is most killing. But dealers themselves often buy pictures for their frames. At the celebrated sale of the Sellars collection, most of which were copies and were of little

Now that so much attention is being with the eagle's plumes, and that

They Sell Worthless and Spurious "Old Master" Pictures. value as works of art, the dealers were

actually bidding for the frames only. To the experienced eye the peculiar patina which age has imparted to those old frames cannot be imitated. But the old styles have, on account of the enormous demand, been repeated in modern days as copies sold as such, or as "faked" frames having a spurious suggestion of age artfully imparted to them by skilled work-

Ancient Flying Machine.

paid to the problem of navigating the air, it may not be amiss to recall that a strange effort in this direction was made just 400 years ago. It was in September, 1507, that King James IV. sent a special ambassador from Edinburgh to France. An adventurer John Damian, who had gained the favor of the king, said that he would reach France before the ambassador by simply flying there. He had a pair of huge wings made of eagles' feathers, fastened them to his body, and in the presence of thousands of people he launched himself into the air from the walls of Stirling Castle. Instead of rising, though, he fell to the ground and broke his leg. The air navigator's excuse for his failure was that some cock's feathers had been mixed in

itself, so to speak, and the Railway

Commissioners are now waiting to

which at the portion referred to was

of men was put to work retilling the

vacancy. They had it levelled to the

rest of the grade of the line, and were

The men who are constructing the

line are now earnestly engaged in an-

First Thought in Danger.

"Talking of the foolish things of

danger," remarked one of a group the

other night, "I had promised my wi

never to travel at night, and it

something I have always avoided, but

necessity compelled it a few week

ago, and as luck would have it the

was an accident and the cars were d

railed. As the one in which I had a

berth was rolling down an emlar

ment and I was in the midst of blat

ets, pillows, grips, etc., the territor

'What shall I tell Molly? here I an

Ancients Had Big Hotels.

The most recent of the large hotels

of New York scarcely compare with

the 1.200 room house that the archeo

logists have recently excavated among

the great ruins of Puye in the Pa

arito Park, New Mexico. The apart

ment house and the huge modern fam-

ily hotel appear to be mere imitations

of habitations which were occupied

by an extinct civilization in the South-

west thousands of years ago. The 1,-

200 room house of Puye was only four

stories high and, therefore, superior

in the matter of altitude to the hotel

New Word Needed.

City of New York in its new home on

St. Nicholas Heights is the use of glass

blackboards. What is written on a

glass blackboard may be read from

any angle except from behind it, as

Dr. Baskerville, professor of chemis-

try, explained to his students. When

then what will it become? Evidently

To calculate the rate of flow of an

artesian well a simple plan is to low-

of, say, 500 feet, and then electrically

explode a cap to burst the bottle. The

time required for the fluid to appear at

a new word must be coined.

as to the velocity of flow

An innovation at the Conlege of the

thought flashed across my mil

thinks about when in the midst of

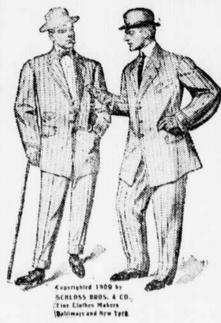
other attempt to fill in the gap.

a ravine, suddenly sank

hear what its next performance will

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